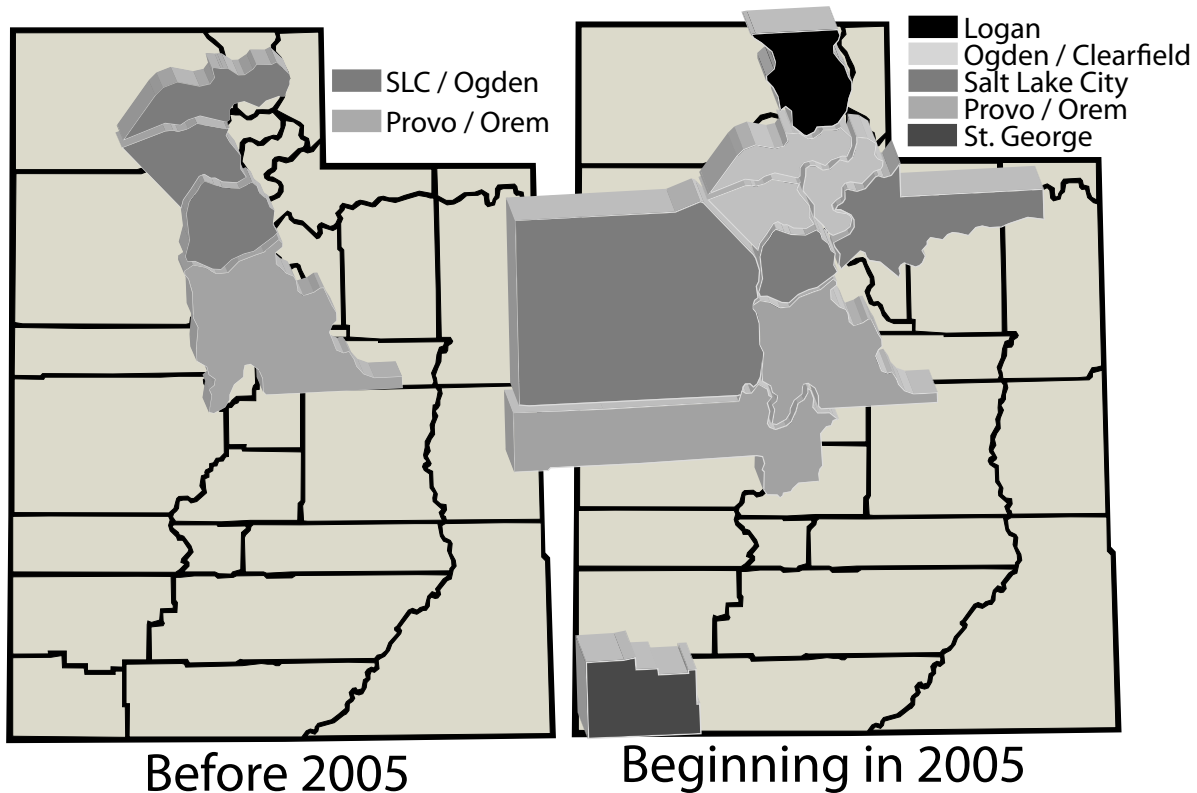


Utah's Metropolitan Areas Redefined in 2005

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Metropolitan Areas in Utah



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If you just received your degree or are looking for a new job in the improving Utah economy, you might be interested in job growth rates close to where you live. If that is the case, or if you are simply interested in current employment, then you will want to look for the most current data available from Utah's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program.

The program is expanding in 2005 to provide preliminary job growth data for five new metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) throughout the state of Utah. In previous years the program provided preliminary employment data for Utah's two defined MSAs: Salt Lake-Ogden and Provo-Orem. However, beginning in 2005, the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics have redefined Utah's MSAs and will now provide statistical information for the five areas listed below, which are made up of the following counties:

The state's population rose by nearly 30 percent from 1990 to 2000, changing the dynamics of Utah. As a result these five new metropolitan areas were designated after the 2000 Census. Previously there was insufficient employer data in these areas to permit us to report preliminary job growth data for Washington and Cache counties.

Beginning in 2005, if you want to know how many people work in the construction industry in the new St. George MSA, or you are curious about how many were employed in retail trade during the holiday season in the Ogden-Clearfield MSA, you will now be able to access that information.

So remember, when you are looking for the most current employment trends data for Utah's metropolitan areas, we recommend you take a look at the nonagricultural employment data at <http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/pubs/UnE/>.

<u>MSA</u>	<u>Counties included in the MSA</u>
Logan	Cache, UT and Franklin, ID
Ogden-Clearfield	Weber, Davis, Morgan
Salt Lake	Salt Lake, Tooele, Summit
Provo-Orem	Utah, Juab
Washington	St. George